



Dunamis Fellowship Canada

*Mobilizing, Equipping and Sending Holy Spirit Empowered
Leaders for Church Renewal and Missions*



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CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL

Catching the Wind & Fire of the Spirit

Churches go through life cycles, much like we as human being do – birth, infancy, adolescence, prime, maturity. However, the distinct difference between the church and human life-cycle is that while the human mortality rate continues to be 100%, churches do not need to die. Instead churches can launch into a new life cycle of vitality and renewal at any stage, most critically at the stage of maturity. Such congregational renewal depends directly on catching the fresh wind and fresh fire of the Holy Spirit, who brings warmth and breathes life into the church body and empowers individuals to step into ministry.

To encourage churches to grow in the person and work of the Holy Spirit, DFC offers ministries that partner with local churches for congregational renewal. The Dunamis Video Course, following the model of the Alpha course, offers trained facilitators the opportunity to share this teaching in their congregation. Three ten-week courses are available: *Experiencing the Person & Work of the Holy Spirit*, *In the Spirit's Power*, and *Prayer in the Power of the Holy Spirit*. If you are interested in being trained to facilitate the Dunamis Video Course in your congregation, please contact the DFC Office for more information.



Ignite, is another program expression for congregational renewal. This is a short, introductory session, typically a Friday evening and Saturday, with topics offered corresponding to those of the video courses. A team of 2-6 teachers and prayer people come to the church to share in teaching, guiding through exercises, provide prayer ministry opportunity, working with other prayer people in the church or region. An *Ignite* can be a local church event, can be for a group of churches by invitation, or can be a regional event by promotion. Churches and individuals experience vitality and grow in hope through the ministry of teaching and prayer.

If you are interested in exploring either of these program expressions for congregational renewal, please contact the DFC office. You can also find more information on our website: www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org

Ray Vander Kooij—Ignite Renewal Advocate—Eastern Canada

Agency Agreement Signed

DFC recently signed a Agency Agreement with PRMI allowing Canadian donors to fund specific projects and receive tax-deductible receipts. The Agency Agreement itself is a blanket form to which supplementary 'Schedules' are added in accordance with Revenue Canada guidelines. The first such Schedule is a joint venture to produce the fourth Dunamis Project Video—Evangelism. The anticipated cost to produce the video is roughly \$60,000.00 receiving contributions from Dunamis Fellowship UK, Alaska and Canada.



Treasurer Fred Reitsma and Chair, Nancy Mostert sign the Agency Agreement in February 2009.

Currently the Agency Agreement only allows DFC to give charitable receipts for the Evangelism video, but it is hoped that there will be further opportunities to support the ministry of PRMI.

Transitions on the Board



What a privilege it is to introduce DFC's newest board member. Winston Newman is a retired Presbyterian pastor who is currently serving a congregation in Barrie, Ontario as Interim Moderator. Winston comes to DFC with a heart of humility and passion to see Christ's church cooperate with the Holy Spirit. Winston is not new to PRMI or DFC. He has been active in teaching and facilitating Dunamis materials for many years. Prayer and the gift of tongues is the special gifting Winston uses to draw a congregation together in love and care so that they might minister out of that context. Winston is married to Kathryn, the father of 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Welcome Winston!

With the coming aboard of a new board member, we also say farewell to another. Les Ferrier was a founding board member of DFC. His contributions have shaped the Canadian context of being a Regional Partner of PRMI. Though Les has completed his board term, he continues to serve DFC in the capacity of Video Course Facilitator Trainer along with his wife Barb. Les is also the Track Director for the Dunamis Project taking place in Southern Ontario. With grateful hearts Les, we thank you for your service. May God continue to bless your work and ministry.



Nancy Mostert—DFC Chair

Report on the Dunamis Project Held at Canterbury Hills



Dunamis Fellowship Canada's first five day Dunamis Project happened at Canterbury Hills, Ontario on March 25th to 29th. Brad Long and Cindy Strickler were the speakers for the event, the theme being "Gateways to Empowered Ministry, the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit". There were 49 people in attendance and we enjoyed the gentle, hilly, treed and idyllic location that invited us to prayer.

The burden of the conference focused on living in the Power of the Spirit, leading us to an engagement in Spirit anointed (power) ministry. Brad and Cindy addressed the Biblical witness to the Holy Spirit and its implications for ministry today. But, since our western scientific world view has infected the Church, there is need for a paradigm shift. Only then can the Church appropriate the reality of God's presence and work through the Holy Spirit for its life and work in the world, i.e. learning to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

We were also given opportunities to practice what was being taught, engaging us in developing our ministry gifts, while also receiving ministry. We also sought to discern how the Spirit was leading, as well as any spiritual opposition to His leading. The conference modeled cooperation with the Spirit in order to bring about God's purposes for us and His world.



Winston Newman—DFC Trustee

A testimony from one of the participants: *The week of Dunamis was a time of learning more about our Lord and His plans, healing of past hurts, releasing of gifts and the wonderful creation of many precious friendships...all forged through awesome teaching, shared tears, much laughter and good food. God was and is so good. I would do it all over again in heartbeat. Janet*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ignites

October 2 & 3, 2009

Ignite 2—'In the Spirit's Power' at Blyth CRC, Blyth, Ontario

October 23 & 24, 2009

Ignite 2—'In the Spirit's Power' at First CRC, London, Ontario

November 20 & 21, 2009

Ignite 3—'Prayer in the Power of the Holy Spirit' at First CRC, Hamilton, Ontario

Dunamis Projects

November 11 to 15, 2009

Project 2—In the Spirit's Power - Brochure enclosed

Help Needed to Make a Short Video

We are looking for someone to donate their time to make a short promotional video for us. If you are able to help, please contact our DFC office, contact information below.

Emailing Newsletters

In an effort to try and cut costs we would like to start sending our Newsletters out by email. If you would like to make the change, please email us at dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org and we will make the switch.



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